

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, November 14.

What will the Democrats do with the vast power the majority has voted into their hands? Is what everybody, Democrats, Republicans, and Populists alike, wants to find out. Some Republicans and some Democrats, although the reasons governing them are very different, are predicting some very radical and immediate changes in the tariff, and also that an extra session of Congress will be called by Mr. Cleveland as soon as he is inaugurated, for the express purpose of making those changes. It may be that these predictions will turn out to be true, but there are more reasons why they are more likely to be wrong.

First, it would be a violation of all legislative precedent; it took the Republicans nearly thirty years to go from the Morrill tariff, which the need of money to conduct the war made much higher than it otherwise would have been, to the some of high-tariff legislation commonly known as the McKinley law. Second, Mr. Cleveland has pledged his word that no vested interests are to be injured by the Democratic revision, or reform of the tariff, as he and the Democrats are pleased to call it, which, if it means anything, means that the tariff is not to be so suddenly cut down as to jeopardize the interest of those whose money is invested in industries which under present conditions cannot be maintained without some protection. Third, the American people are always conservative on everything, and particularly so on things likely to have a bearing upon the industrial and commercial interests of the country, and their influence will soon check the majority in Congress should it show a disposition to adopt rational measures, just as its influence prevented the Republican majority in the Senate of the Fifty-first Congress passing the Federal Election, or, as it is more generally known, the Force Bill. Fourth, Mr. Cleveland and many of those whose prominence in his party gives them a right to be listened to by the more rash and less experienced members have still fresh in their minds the hubbub raised by the framing of the Mills bill, which was largely a protective measure, and they will see at a glance the advantage of giving the Democrats of the next Congress, who are expected to frame a satisfactory substitute for the present law, as much time to consider the details as possible; for this reason the clamor for an extra session will hardly succeed in bringing it about. Fifth, the average American votes this or that political ticket solely because he believes it presents principles which if carried out will make him and his country more prosperous, and the average Democrat has just as much at stake in the legislation to be adopted as the average Populist or Republican: the prosperity of the country and of the individual is what they all aim for, and the errors made are of judgment, not of the heart. Sixth, and last but by no means least, unless something now entirely unexpected shall change the present apparent political complexion of the Senate of the Fifty-third Congress, no bill of any sort can pass it without the consent of the People's Party Senators, and the announcements now being made of how these Senators will vote are to say the least a little premature. Considering all these things without prejudice, it is much more probable that the tariff and other legislation of the next Congress will be moderate than that it will be radical in its nature, although efforts to pass radical measures are likely to be numerous as well as interesting.

Overtures have been made to President Harrison by prominent members of his party to have him extend the benefits of the Civil-Service law to the Government Printing Office, in order to protect the Republicans therein employed, but it is understood that he declined to do so, on the ground that it would appear as though he were trying to deprive his political opponents of patronage to which they had a right to consider themselves entitled. That was high ground for a politician to take, but Mr. Harrison is more than a politician; he is a statesman.

Republican officials who took part in the campaign have nearly all returned to their desks, and if not wiser than when they went away, and one of the things that surprised most of them when they got back was to find that many of their clerks whom they had thought to be staunch Republicans are now outspoken Democrats. Nothing succeeds like success, you know, and there are large numbers of thrifty employees of the Government who have no political principles higher than the salaries they draw. They are like the old man who was a clerk in the Post-office Department for more than fifty years, who, when asked how he had managed to keep his place through so many changes of Administration, replied: "I never saw an Administration that could change any quicker than I could," and are determined that the Democratic Administration shall find them Democrats.

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